

Demo Derby put on great entertainment

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The Demolition Derby, held Saturday night of the Cheyenne County Fair completely filled the grandstand and the extra seating which was brought in just for the event.

There were 24 cars participating in the derby. Twenty cars were entered in the hobo division and four were in the super weld.

"We plan to have the two events again next year," said Clay Zimbelman, chairman of the Derby Committee. "We grossed more people in both the pits and the grandstands."

The first-prize purse in both divisions was a guaranteed \$1,000.

Winning first in the weld class was Dennis Vandike of Benkelman. Second place went to Keaton Frewen.

A Goodland man, Marshal Hoppe, took home first prize in the hobo class. Second went to Blake Saint, Goodland; third to Neal Thornburg, Goodland; and fourth to Tony Vandike, Bird City.

Mac Frewen, St. Francis, took home \$55 for the Rookie Award. Mr. Hoppe received the People's Choice Mad Dog award of \$55, and Mr. Saint received \$55 for the Judge's Choice Mad Dog award. Mr. Hoppe also received the Bonanzi Bobby Award in memory of Bob Krien.



When the dust settled at the Cheyenne County Fair Derby, Marshal Hoppe (#11), Goodland, was the winner

The prize winners were also presented unique designed trophies made by Mr. Zimbelman and John Guthmiller.

Lawn mower tractor pull

New this year to entertain the crowd between the derby heats was the lawn mower tractor pull. Since it was a new event, there were

only four boys who entered: Tye Gilliland, Tanner Gilliland, Jakob Church and Thomas Douthit.

Mr. Zimbelman had built a small sled which the lawn mower tractors pulled. As they pulled, the weight got heavier and heavier.

Winning first was Thomas who received \$20 and a plaque. Jakob took second place.

When we fill the grandstands and pits, it is a good indication that we have a good derby, Mr. Zimbelman said. Next year, I think we will have even a better show!



Jakob Church placed second in the lawn mower tractor pull

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